



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 3885

Offered by:

SEN. CAPPIELLO, 24th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5710

File No. 630

Cal. No. 451

***"An Act Concerning Intimidation Based On Bigotry Or Bias."***

1 After line 242, add the following and renumber the remaining  
2 sections accordingly:

3 "Sec. 11. (NEW) (a) A person is guilty of assault of a sports official  
4 when such person commits assault in the third degree under section  
5 53a-61 of the general statutes and the victim is a sports official and (1)  
6 the assault occurs while the sports official is discharging or attempting  
7 to discharge official duties at a sports event or immediately after a  
8 sports event at which the sports official discharged official duties, or  
9 (2) the assault is otherwise the result of the sports official's official acts.

10 (b) For the purposes of this section, (1) "sports official" means a  
11 person at a sports event who (A) enforces the rules of the event  
12 including, but not limited to, an umpire, referee or line judge, (B)  
13 supervises the participants including, but not limited to, a coach,  
14 assistant coach or trainer, or (C) administers the sports event  
15 including, but not limited to, a timekeeper, team manager or athletic  
16 director; and (2) "sports event" means any interscholastic or intramural

17 athletic activity at any public or private school, college or university,  
18 any organized athletic activity sponsored by a community, business or  
19 nonprofit organization, any amateur, semiprofessional or professional  
20 athletic contest, or any other organized athletic activity in this state.

21 (c) No person shall be found guilty of assault in the third degree and  
22 assault of a sports official upon the same incident of assault but such  
23 person may be charged and prosecuted for both such offenses upon  
24 the same information.

25 (d) Assault of a sports official is, for a first offense, a class A  
26 misdemeanor for which six months of the sentence imposed shall not  
27 be suspended or reduced and, for a second or subsequent offense, a  
28 class D felony for which one year of the sentence imposed shall not be  
29 suspended or reduced."